



Martin News

The newsletter for the Martin School community

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Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	2CF with 100%
Year 3 & Year 4:	4TH with 98.6%
Year 5 & Year 6:	6LC with 99.0%

November Talk Point

If you could be invisible for the day what would you do?



It has been a busy and wet week! On Tuesday, we all remembered the brave people who have fought around the world to protect people's freedom and way of life. The children in the Nursery and Reception were visited by Tristan, who told them about the medals he had earned for his bravery, and the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 took part in Remembrance Day assemblies.



Today, the children have raised awareness for climate change by taking part in our annual 'Switch Off Day'. We have all tried our best to reduce the use of electricity around school and the children have been reminded that making small changes can collectively help tackle climate change. Perhaps you could do the same at home tonight!

Finally, thank you for your generous donations to Children in Need today. Have a lovely weekend. **Ziz Chater**

Children in Need 2025



Thank you
from Pudsey!

This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Rahil	4CP - Alba
1CM - Shayan	4SK - Jasper
1LK - Polina	5AE - whole class
2CF - Melisa	5GB - whole class
2EB - Lyra	5SR - whole class
2OD - Jordan	6BG - Fatima
3LR - Zahid	6LC - Ivy
3JL - Lois	6WW - Ibrahim
3RT - Amira	

Rights Respecting



1BT - Swara	4CP - Lydia
1CM - Thea	4SK - Grace
1LK - Emin	5AE - Kendall
2CF - Maida	5GB - Annie
2EB - Kaynan	5SR - Max
2OD - Mimi	6BG - Kota
3LR - Aaloka	6LC - Alkedjo
3JL - Iris	6WW - Atifa
3RT - Mohamed	

Reader of the week



1BT - Tilly	5AE - Sia
1CM - Meghna	5GB - Louis
2CF - Mohammed	5SR - Harvey
2EB - Hannah	6BG - Anna
2OD - Rihaan	6LC - Casra
3LR - Sara	6WW - Archie
3JL - Ari	
3RT - Musa	
4CP - Ricky	
4SK - Talin	



Secret Superstar awards

Akram in 2EB, Etta in 4CP and
Marielle in 5GB

Another issue of the STEM Dorado Science Magazine

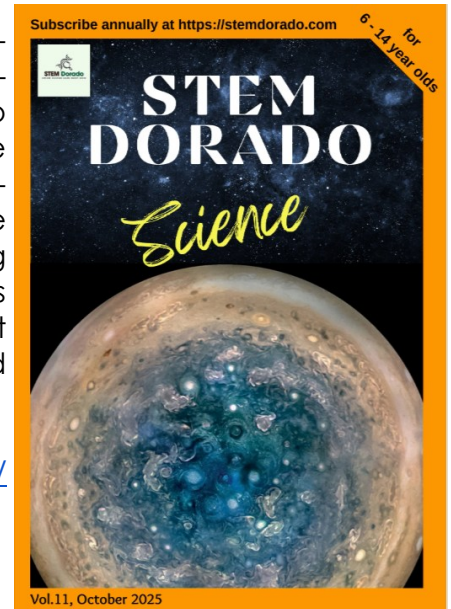
This brand-new issue explores the wonders of space with articles written by the Institute of Physics, University of Birmingham, The Royal Institution, VaxHub (UCL & University of Oxford) and other leading UK science communicators. Packed with exciting space science, hands-on activities, puzzles and experiments!

Read and download Issue 11 here: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/dqwze/qars>

If you missed it last time, STEM Dorado Science magazine is an exciting free resource for children aged 5-13, created by STEM Dorado Ltd (a company for science communication and outreach to children), in collaboration with researchers from University College London, Queen Mary University of London and other STEM experts. Aimed at inspiring and motivating children to explore the wonders of science, this magazine comprises diverse, interesting science articles, loads of fun activities, experiments, interviews from students and STEM professionals, jokes, fun facts and most importantly, a platform for children to express their thoughts and ideas.

Here is a link to all previous issues again: <https://www.stemdorado.com/resources>

The Science Team



Year 6—Pig Heart Boy Production

Just before the half term Year 6 watched a theatre production based on the novel they have been reading during Guided Reading - Pig Heart Boy.

Pig Heart Boy Production



Last term, me and my classmates were in for a treat. For a reward from working hard and reading and enjoying the famous book by Malorie Blackman, Miss Wrobel let us watch the theatre production. The production was created recently, and was available to watch in our classrooms. As Miss Wrobel started the video, everyone's eyes were transfixed onto the screen. Even Miss Wrobel was shocked by what was going on! The film was simply about a young 13 year-old boy named Cameron facing life-threatening situations about his heart; he is also forced to make brutal decisions in order to survive but also contains some whimsical parts both before and after his operation. I would rate both the book and film 5 stars as it had some humorous parts at his college school which made both me and the others laugh. My favourite part is when they call their teachers funny names. However, the saddest part was when his nan died and everyone felt resentful for Cameron. I highly recommend this book to people who like either comedy or thriller films. **By Ibrahim Y6**

Pig Heart Boy

I'll be honest, I liked the book more than the production because in the production they changed a lot of the original story line. When I read the book I already had a vision of it in my mind. I imagined the characters and the setting very differently to what the production showed. This surprised me unexpectedly. Because of my experience, I would recommend to read the book first and then see the theatre production. **By Isabella Y6**



More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

Friday 7th November- MHSA

Come and find out about the amazing work the Martin Home School Association (MHSA) do for our school and how you can support them.



Friday 21st November- Year 1 phonics

Hear from our phonics lead about our approach to teaching phonics, ways you can support your child's phonics learning and understanding and the statutory requirements. Particularly relevant for parents/ carers in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 but beneficial for all.



Friday 5th December- Year 4 timestables

We will be sharing information about the Year 4 timestable tests - particularly useful for parents/carers in Year 4.

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6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
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More About Martin Meetings take place every other Friday morning and cover a wide range of topics such as school information, strategies to support your children at home, children sharing their experiences and curriculum information. They take place at 9am on the given dates and are held in the portacabin on the field (unless stated otherwise). **Miss Glackin**

Free Child Car Seat Checks

Friday 21st November, 10am – 3pm

Asda Colindale car park
off Capitol Way, Edgware Rd, London NW9 0AS

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat safety checks to ensure children are travelling safely. A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be available to **inspect seats, fix errors and provide advice**, no booking required.

A check can be made on your child car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, we can also check they are seated correctly and safely.

Last year, **92% of seats checked in Barnet had errors**, many serious enough to endanger children in the event of a collision. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix.

Don't miss this opportunity to get peace of mind and help make Barnet's roads safer for everyone.

Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

07483 474617

www.facebook.com/events



We hope everyone's had a great start to the new school year! We've been busy planning for the year ahead and will keep you updated right here. In the meantime, we've already kicked things off with a few fantastic fundraising events!

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Our much loved Crazy Hair Day returned just before half term and was a huge success! Everyone's wild and creative hairstyles made the day so much fun, and together we raised an amazing **£360** for the school. Thank you to everyone who joined in and supported — what a fantastic effort!

BAKE SALES

Bake sale season began with Year 3's Spooky themed sale raising a fantastic **£346.59**. Year 5 held their Bonfire Night Bake Sale last Friday and raised an amazing **£278**. MHSA also donate match funding of £200 per year group so this will all go to buying some fantastic resources for the classes!




MHSA
Martin Home School Association

MARTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Winter Fair

SATURDAY
13th December
12pm-3pm

Entrance Fee : Adults £1 ; Kids Free

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🎅 Santa Show 🎵 Choir Performance 🎲 Tombola 🛍 Gift Shop 🎈 Inflatable Snow Globe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🎮 Games 🧸 Toys 🍴 Food 🍹 Drinks 🥞 Hanukkah Doughnuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍷 Mulled Wine 🍖 Barbecue 🍷 Waffles 🥧 Mince Pies ... and more!
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📍 Plane Tree Walk, N2 9JP
Illustration by Paloma Ball-Santos 6LC

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WINTER FAIR

We've been busy getting ready for our Winter Fair on **Saturday 13th December** and there's lots going on! The committee met with many of our class reps this week to chat about the year group stalls and will be in touch with you all about these shortly. For now, we have a few key dates and requests to share :

TOY COLLECTION

Are you having a pre holiday clear out? Do you have some good quality toys and games you are happy to donate? We will be collecting donations again on **Friday 28th November** for our toy stall at the Winter Fair.

Bring them along to the top school gate at drop off, No soft toys or pre school toys please and only good quality used toys.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER COLLECTION

We're collecting pre-loved children's Christmas jumpers to help spread some festive cheer! If your little ones have outgrown theirs, we'd love to give them a new home. Donations will be collected on **Monday 1st December** and will be sold at our gift shop to raise funds for the school.



HANUKKAH CRAFTS & GOODS

Calling all crafters and makers! We're looking for creators of Judaica and Hanukkah-themed items to sell in our gift shop. We're also seeking special handmade pieces to include in our auction! All proceeds will go directly to supporting the school. If you or someone you know would like to contribute, please get in touch — we'd love to include your work!

HANDMADE ITEMS WANTED

We are collecting handmade items to sell in our gift shop and raise funds for the school. We are especially looking for knitted items, ornaments and decorations, handmade cards, sewn or crafted items. If you are able to donate then please let your class reps know.




KEY DATES FOR WINTER FAIR

NOVEMBER
28th TOYS COLLECTION
FRIDAY at drop off and pick up

DECEMBER
1st PRE LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPER COLLECTION
MONDAY

2nd SANTA SHOW TICKETS
TUESDAY on sale from 9am

5th TOMBOLA/NON UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY - children wear own clothes to school - more information to follow.

8th Nursery - all SURPRISE BAGS
MONDAY need to handed back in to staff by today.

13th WINTER FAIR
WEDNESDAY 12pm-3pm

KEY DATES

We know this time of year can be busy, so we've included all the key dates on this poster to help you keep track of what's coming up.

ONLINE AUCTION

It's that time again — our big Silent Auction fundraiser is coming up! Last year we raised over £4,800, thanks to all of YOU! Do you have something to donate?— a skill to share, treats to bake, goodies to give, or a local shop that might like to donate an auction item. Please contact your rep, or fill in the form here, click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KD55HQV>

QUIZ MASTERS WANTED

We're looking for a few budding quiz masters to help pull together our much loved Quiz Evening next year. No event planning needed! Just help coordinate rounds, recruit hosts, and sort any graphics. Keen to get involved? Let us know by emailing : mhsasecretary@gmail.com

Thank you MHSA



AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 to
Friday 19th December 2025

Half term

Monday 27th October to
Friday 31st October 2024
school closed Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd
September
(staff training)

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 to
Friday 27th March 2026

Half term

Monday 16th February to
Friday 20th February 2026
school closed Monday 5th January
(staff training)

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 to
Monday 20th July 2026

Half term

Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May 2026
school closed Monday 1st June, Monday 20th
July (staff training) & Monday 4th May
(bank holiday)

Starting Primary School—September 2026

Children born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022** are due to start in a reception class in September 2026. Applications can now be made online via www.eadmissions.org.uk. **The closing date is 15th January 2026.**

Visit our website for full details: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/admissions/>.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 18th November	Parent/carer teacher consultations 4-7pm (booking opens 5th November via Arbor app)
Wednesday 19th November	Reception heights and weights
Thursday 20th November	Parent/carer teacher consultations 4-7pm (booking opens 5th November via Arbor app)
Friday 21st November	4SK trip the Guildhall More about Martin Meeting—Phonics @ 9am Year 1 Cake sale
Tuesday 25th November	3JL trip to St. Paul's Cathedral Flu Vaccinations Catch-up Year 6 Cake Sale
Friday 28th November	3RT Trip to St. Paul's Cathedral
Monday 1st December	2OD Christmas Assembly @ 9am
Wednesday 3rd December	More about Martin Meeting—Year 4 Timetables @ 9am
Friday 5th December	2CF Christmas Assembly @ 9am
Tuesday 9th December	2EB Christmas Assembly @ 9am
Thursday 11th December	Reception classes Singalong
Friday 12th December	3LR trip to St. Paul's Cathedral
Saturday 13th December	MHSA Winter Fair @ 12—3pm
Tuesday 16th December	Nursery Singalong @ 9am & 1pm Christmas Evening Concert (time tbc)
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch & Class Parties
Friday 19th December	Last day of Term school breaks-up at 2pm

Additional dates can be found on our website at: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/diary/>

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